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(SBU) On May 4, EconOff presented reftel demarche to Angelo S. Benedictos, Assistant Director of the Bureau of International Trade Relations of the Department of Trade and Industry. Benedictos replied that the GRP continues to prepare its agenda for the May 7 discussions on non-tariff barriers in Geneva, and is both aware of and studying the U.S. proposal on textiles, apparel, footwear, and travel goods. At this stage, he does not rule out Philippine co-sponsorship of the proposal.

Kenney